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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicant herewith calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Japanese Reason for the Rejection dated March 21, 2001 with respect to related Japanese application No. HEI 10-372959 is enclosed, together with at least a partial English-language translation and English-language cited document summary, in which the following documents (1)-(3) were cited:

(1) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-326288, which was published on December 8, 1998, together with an English-language Abstract;

(2) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-228428, which was published on August 25, 1998, together with an English-language Abstract;
and

(3) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-191010, which was published on July 21, 1998, together with an English-language Abstract.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and cite the above-

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mentioned documents (1)-(3). Copies of these documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. Therefore, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Further, the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Thus, an additional ground exists for concluding that no fee is required to be paid to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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